

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
FOX RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
FOX RIVER GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Pat Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, and Steve Pickering. Also present were Superintendent Tim Mahaffy and Principals Karen Machroli and Eric Runck. Absent were Board members, Kris Germain and Devin Bright.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS, GUESTS, COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Audience members – Jane Szybowicz and Jodi Steeno – were welcomed to the meeting.

No one from the audience signed in to address the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gerry Blohm to approve the consent agenda, approve and open to the public the regular minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 14, 2011 and approve the closed minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 14, 2011, approve the November 2011 Treasurer's Report, approve the bills and payroll from November 12, 2011 through December 9, 2011, and approve the November Activity Accounts Report. Lisa Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Steve Pickering and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

V. REQUEST FOR RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve the 2011-2012 Certified Staff Seniority List as presented was made by Steve Pickering and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Steve Pickering, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2011-2012 Non-Certified Seniority List as presented was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Steve Pickering. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Steve Pickering, Lisa Anderson, and Gerry Blohm. Abstaining – Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the FY13 calendar recommended by the Calendar Committee with the Board. Teacher Institute days will be on August 20th & 21st with the first day of school on August 22nd. The calendar itself is quite similar to this year's calendar except for some December dates. Parent teacher conferences will be held on Monday & Tuesday, November 19th & 20th. The last day in December before the holiday break would be Friday, December 21st with school resuming on Monday, January 7th. Spring break remains the last week in March, the 25th-29th. The last day of school pending no snow days will be Friday, May 31st. This calendar is very similar to District 155's calendar.

A motion to approve the 2012-2013 District Calendar as presented was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Pickering, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the 2011 Tax Levy as presented at the November Board meeting. In talking with both the County Assessor and the Township Assessor the E.A.V. is holding at 6.5% decrease; therefore, the numbers presented in November have not changed. The local paper had originally reported the increase on a \$200,000 home would be \$220. This was incorrect and the paper has since corrected this misprint stating that the increase would be approximately \$40.00.

Board President Pat Hughes asked if there were any questions regarding the 2011 Tax Levy and there were none.

A motion to approve the 2011 Tax Levy as presented was made by Steve Pickering and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes and Steve Pickering. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the following volunteer coaches – 8th grade girls' volleyball – Danielle Merz and Grace Hartwig, 6/7th boys' volleyball – Eden Vellinga, 8th grade boys' volleyball – Will Mollet and Scholastic Bowl – Lowell Limpus, Jr. – was made by Steve Pickering and seconded by Gerry Blohm. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Steve Pickering and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Coaches are still needed for softball and girls' soccer.

Dr. Mahaffy reviewed the current and projected FY13 class sizes. The Administration will need a recommendation from the Board in January on the number of sections in order to prepare for the FY13 school year. This recommendation may be an if/then scenario depending on how many students register for kindergarten. The preschool screening and kindergarten registration will be held the week before the February Board meeting. This will give the District a better count of how many actual kindergarten students will be enrolled for FY13. Last year's recommendation was staffing neutral. There are no staff retirements this year.

VIII. POLICY

A motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the following new or revised policies – 2:250 – Access to District Public Records, 3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal, 4:80 – Accounting and Audits, 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:240 – Suspension, 6:60 – Curriculum Content, 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction and 7:305 –

Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries – was made by Steve Pickering and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Pat Hughes, Steve Pickering, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson and Gerry Blohm. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

IX. SCHOOL REPORTS

Algonquin Road School – Ms. Machroli – Ms. Machroli congratulated Mrs. O’Reilly-Greene, the specials teachers and the students for an awesome K-2 holiday program. Everyone was invited to the 3-4 holiday program which will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a steel drum assembly on January 20th. AIMS Web testing will begin in January in order to complete the winter benchmarks.

Fox River Grove Middle School – Mr. Runck – Mr. Runck stated that the school year is passing very quickly. The December activities included the following: tryouts and casting for the school musical, the PTO sponsored Book Fair where the Library was able to purchase \$800 worth of books and volleyball tryouts began. Mr. Runck thanked the PTO for all their efforts for this book fair. Mr. Runck extended “kudos” to Mrs. Limpus and Mrs. O’Reilly-Greene on the winter band/chorus concert. There was standing room only at this wonderful event. January activities include: the boys’ basketball tournament (Jan. 4-9), 8th grade parent meeting on the 11th, the end of the 2nd quarter is on the 19th and the Fall Sports Award Night will be held on January 25th.

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The steering group, consisting of Dr. Mahaffy and Board members Devin Bright and Steve Pickering, briefly updated the Board on its progress regarding the Instructional Practice and Class Size Advisory Committee. They reviewed what the goal of this committee is and what will be its ultimate outcome. This committee will review the retirements in FY 14 in regard to class size. The committee itself will consist of 16 people – two teachers from ARS and two teachers from the MS, the two principals, two Board members, two ARS parents and two MS parents, two community members who do not have children in school and two non certified staff members. Dr. Mahaffy would serve as the facilitator of the committee. Individuals on the committee would be asked to have a two year commitment. A more formal report will be presented to the Board in January.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the appointment and employment of specific employees was made by Steve Pickering and seconded by Pat Hughes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Steve Pickering, Tom Mollet, Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, and Pat Hughes. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

There will be no action.

XIV. ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to return from executive session to open session at 7:35 p.m. was made by Steve Pickering and seconded by Tom Mollet. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye – Lisa Anderson, Gerry Blohm, Pat Hughes, Steve Pickering and Tom Mollet. Voting nay – none. Motion approved.

Board President Pat Hughes asked if there were any other items and there were none.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. was made by Tom Mollet and seconded by Steve Pickering. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye – All ayes. Voting nay – None. Motion approved.

~~Patrick B. Hughes~~ Gerry Blohm
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